

FARLAM PARISH COUNCIL

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6th November 2020

A Virtual Meeting of the **FARLAM PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 2020** at **7.00 p.m.**

The meeting is accessible by logging on to www.zoom.us and using Meeting ID 859 9029 1877 with the password **968961**. The meeting can also be joined by telephone by dialling one of the following numbers - 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196 or 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237. Please aim to arrive at the meeting by 6.50pm in case of connectivity problems.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Allison Riddell

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** - The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
4. **MINUTES**
 - 4.1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020** - To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2020. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting or via arrangement with the Chairman, whichever is the soonest. (copy herewith).
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - To receive comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the Agenda. (*The Public Participation period will last 15 minutes and members of the public are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes. Members of the public are not permitted to speak at any other time during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman.*)
 - 5.1 **REPORTS** – To receive reports, if applicable, from City and County Councillors.
6. **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – To consider -
 - 6.1 **SILVERTOP QUARRY, HALLBANKGATE (1/20/9012)** – Proposed extension to the north of Silvertop Quarry (information available on Cumbria County Council website)
 - 6.2 **PROPOSED EXTENSION TO SILVERTOP QUARRY** – Letter from R&K Wood Planning LLP (copy herewith)

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS -

7.1 BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 14.10.20 – To note a report from the Clerk. (copy herewith)

7.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE – That the Council agree the schedule of payments listed below:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Cheque number
339.52	A Riddell	Net wage to 30.11.20	100800
1648.80	First Rescue	Defibrillator	100801

7.3 PRECEPT 2021/2022 – To consider the draft budget for 2021/22 in order to agree the precept at this meeting or defer to January's meeting. The Precept must be submitted to the City Council by 8th January 2021. (copy to follow)

8. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS – An opportunity for councillors to raise any unforeseen matters, with the consent of the Chair, which do not require a decision.

9. CHRISTMAS TREE – To receive a report from Councillor Hinton and consider what action to be taken.

10. FOOTPATHS – To receive a report from Councillor Bowles and consider what action to be taken. (copy of footpath map information herewith)

11. STRIMMING – To consider the following, Councillor Hinton to report -

11.1 BUFFER ZONE AREA AT PLAY AREA

11.2 TARN ROAD VERGE

12. IRON LODGE – To ratify the update received from the Enforcement Officer, Carlisle City Council and circulated by email on 10th September 2020.

13. PLAY AREA WALL – To receive a report from Councillor Hinton on the roadside wall being pushed over in one place by a tree and others by the weight of soil, and consider what action to be taken.

14. SITING OF PICNIC BENCHES ON VILLAGE GREEN – To receive a report from Councillor Bowles and consider what action to be taken.

15. REPLACEMENT OF FALLEN BEECH TREES – To receive a report from Councillor Foster on the lack of response from Greenside Estate requesting the replacement of fallen beech trees in the field opposite the village hall, and consider what action to be taken.

16. NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS – To receive an update from Councillor Hinton.

17. CALC – To receive, note and where applicable respond to the following correspondence, circulated prior to the meeting by email:-

17.1 NALC RESPONSE TO PLANNING CONSULTATION

17.2 CPCA AGM DRAFT MINUTES

17.3 INFORMATION PACK FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

17.4 COVID-19 UPDATE

17.5 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

17.6 UPDATE RE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

17.7 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

17.8 KIND CUMBRIA DAY

18. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK** - To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting and take actions as appropriate. (circulated prior to the meeting by email)
 - 18.1 **HOW TO SAVE A LIFE** – Email from North West Ambulance Service.
 - 18.2 **FORESTRY INVESTMENT ZONE UPDATE**– Email from Implementation Officer.
 - 18.3 **WORKING TOGETHER SERVICE CARLISLE DISTRICT** – Email from Service Officer.
19. **LITERATURE AVAILABLE FROM CLERK** - To note items of literature received since the last meeting:-
 - 19.1 **NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS** – 9th October 2020
 - 19.2 **ACT GAZETTE** – Autumn Winter 2020
20. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – To note that any items for the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by 6th January 2021.
21. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – To confirm that the next virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.00pm and will be called by electronic summons unless there are changes to the Covid-19 regulations permitting public gatherings.

FARLAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **VIRTUAL MEETING** of **FARLAM PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020** at **7.00pm**.

Present: Cllrs S. Bowles (Chairman), R. Foster, R. Hinton and C. Marsh.

In Attendance: Clerk
City Councillors Meller (to item 043/20), Mitchelson (to item 045/20.2) and Tinnion
1 member of the public (to item 035/20)

Action

031/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received and accepted from:- Councillors Dalton and Murray.</p>	
032/20	<p>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.</p>	
033/20	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that no declarations of interest were made.</p>	
034/20	<p>MINUTES -</p> <p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY 2020 WERE SUBMITTED.</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2020, confirmed as a true and accurate record after amending the numbering of the minute relating to expenditure to approve and Councillor Foster's surname. The minutes would be signed at the next face to face meeting.</p>	SB
035/20	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that a member of the public spoke about minute 039/20 detailing which type of defibrillator and case was preferred, location, electrical installation, funding etc.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that City Councillors reported on measures being taken for staff to return to work at the Civic Centre if they wished to do so.</p>	
036/20	<p>TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING –</p> <p>Applications for planning consent were ratified.</p> <p>RESOLVED to ratify the Parish Council's comments as follows:-</p> <p>036/20.1 WHINNEY FELL, FOREST HEAD (20/0849) – Installation of larch rain screen cladding to west facing gable wall.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No observations</p>	
037/20	<p>NOTIFIATION OF DECISIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the report submitted by the Clerk advising members of the decisions of the appropriate planning authority on applications on which the Parish Council had previously commented.</p>	

(Signed) Chairman
Date

038/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS -**038/20.1 BANK RECONCILIATION TO 14.08.20**

There was submitted a report by the Clerk on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statements.

RESOLVED to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance to 14th August 2020 of £9,544.40.

038/20.2 CLERK'S SALARY AWARD

Consideration was given to the report submitted by the Clerk regarding the recent pay award agreed at the National Joint Council for Local Government Services for the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

RESOLVED to note the award and agree the implementation of the Clerk's salary from 1st April 2020 at £12.24 per hour, an increase of 2.77%.

038/20.3 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise payment of the accounts listed below amounting to £993.57.

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Cheque number
357.80	A Riddell	Net wage to 30.09.20	100796
23.97	R Hinton (screwfix)	Staple gun & duck tape	100797
440.00	R. Farrimond	Grass cutting	100798
171.80	HMR&C	PAYE	100799

038/20.4 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND

RESOLVED to note a report by the Clerk on the possibility of funding from the small business grant fund after receiving a letter from the City Council.

039/20 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED to note there were no matters raised.

040/20 DEFIBRILLATOR

RESOLVED, following the report from a member of the public under minute 035/20, to purchase a ZOLL AED plus automatic defibrillator, a Defibsafe 2 external lockable cabinet and additional pads for children. The Clerk would inform the League of Friends of the net cost. VAT would be paid and claimed back by the Parish Council and the equipment would be added to the Parish Council asset register and would be covered by the Parish Council's insurance. A Tindale resident would carry out the weekly checks. Electric and replacement pads, batteries etc would be funded through a collection in the village which would be passed to the Clerk to be ring-fenced by the Parish Council.

Clerk**041/20 IRON LODGE (PLANNING APPLICATION 17/1097)**

RESOLVED to note that the Enforcement Officer would visit the site tomorrow, take photographs, compare them to the approved plans for application 17/1097 and report back to the Clerk.

(Signed) Chairman

Date

042/20	<p>PLAY AREA –</p> <p>042/20.1 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH COVID 19 GUIDANCE</p> <p>RESOLVED, after discussion, that Councillor Hinton would ask the local primary school if concerns raised regarding non-compliance could be circulated to all pupils and parents.</p> <p>042/20.2 BASKET SWING REPAIRS</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that Councillor Hinton would carry out immediate repairs to the basket swing and monitor the equipment. Further full repairs could cost in the region of £1,000.00. Councillor Hinton also reported that there had been no further response from a group of local residents who had previously said that they would raise funding for improvements to the play area.</p>	RH RH
043/20	<p>REFURBISHMENT OF NOTICEBOARDS</p> <p>Consideration was given to additional contractors that might carry out the work required to the noticeboards as those contacted to date were too busy.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that Councillors Hinton and Bowles would ask other local contractors if they could carry out the work required.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that Councillor Meller would contribute £100.00 towards repair of the noticeboards from the City Council small scale projects fund.</p>	RH/SB
044/20	<p>CALC</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following correspondence from CALC was received and noted:-</p> <p>044/20.1 GREAT BRITISH SEPTEMBER CLEAN</p> <p>044/20.2 CUMBRIA EMERGENCY SUPPORT HELPLINE</p> <p>044/20.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION CUMBRIA</p> <p>044/20.4 DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS PROGRAMME</p> <p>044/20.5 COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM</p> <p>044/20.6 DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER</p>	
045/20	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the following correspondence had been received: -</p> <p>045/20.1 TELFORDS COACHES – Email from scheduled Bus Service Officer, Cumbria County Council.</p> <p>045/20.2 WHAT3WORDS – Email from Molly MacGregor.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note that the Clerk would email regarding errors on the site.</p> <p>045/20.3 CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION – Email from Policy and Communications Manager, Carlisle City Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED To note that members would respond individually.</p>	Clerk

(Signed) Chairman

Date

046/20	LITERATURE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLERK – RESOLVED to note the following literature was available from the Clerk:-	
046/20.1	NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS – 14th August 2020	
047/20	AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING RESOLVED to note that any items for the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by 4 th November 2020	
048/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To confirm that the next virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.00pm and will be called by electronic summons unless there are changes to the Covid-19 regulations permitting public gatherings.	
Meeting closed at 7.45pm.		

(Signed) Chairman
Date



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Date: 25th September 2020

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Dear Ms Riddell

Proposed extension to Silvertop Quarry near Hallbankgate

I am writing to you as the clerk to Farlam Parish Council on behalf of Thompsons of Prudhoe to inform you that Thompsons of Prudhoe are applying for planning permission to extract the last remaining pocket of mineral at the site.

As you may know, Thompsons of Prudhoe operate Silvertop Quarry, a limestone quarry, which is located just to the east of Hallbankgate village in Farlam Parish. To introduce myself, I am Katie Wood, the Planning Consultant, who works on behalf of Thompsons of Prudhoe.

Silvertop Quarry has been worked for a number of years by Thompsons of Prudhoe and the limestone reserve is nearly exhausted. The company are currently working a small area of mineral to the north of the area covered by the existing planning and, at the same time, they are restoring the area to the west of the quarry, using overburden and imported inert materials. The compound area will be restored in due course, but it will be the last area to be restored as it is used for the processing of mineral and stockpiling the mineral.

The current planning permission for the site would allow operations to continue until 2042, and it includes a large area of land to the east of the existing quarry void that is currently not worked. (This is shown on the Site Plan that I have sent to you) In addition, an extension area to the west of the quarry was identified in the recently adopted Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan. However, intrusive investigations, including drilling boreholes into the land, has shown that there is no winnable mineral reserve in either of these areas due to geological faulting and significant overburden over the rock. This drilling has identified that there is one small remaining pocket of mineral that is located to the north of the existing working area and the application is to extract this mineral. The Site Plan shows the location of the extension area outlined in red.

Thompsons of Prudhoe have applied to extend the quarry to allow them to remove this small pocket of mineral. It is located to the far north of the site, and just to the north of the area which is currently being worked for its limestone. The total mineral reserve in the extension area is approximately 230,000m³ (600,000 tonnes) and it is

approximately 12m thick. Overall, at the current rate of operations it will take 2 to 3 years to extract this mineral. The proposed extension area, and the land immediately to the south of it, will then be restored using overburden and imported inert materials to gently sloping grazing land.

The operations will continue to rely on the existing highway access, compound area and all the other facilities in the quarry and overall the operations at the quarry will continue in exactly the same manner as they do now.

This application has been submitted to Cumbria County Council and all the details will be uploaded to their website. If you or any members of the Parish Council would like to discuss this application further, please do not hesitate to give me a ring and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.

In addition, Ryan Molloy from Thompsons of Prudhoe, would be happy to answer any questions you have in relation to the overall operations at the quarry as Thompsons will do their utmost best to ensure that the site is operated to high environmental standards. He can be reached on (01661) 832422

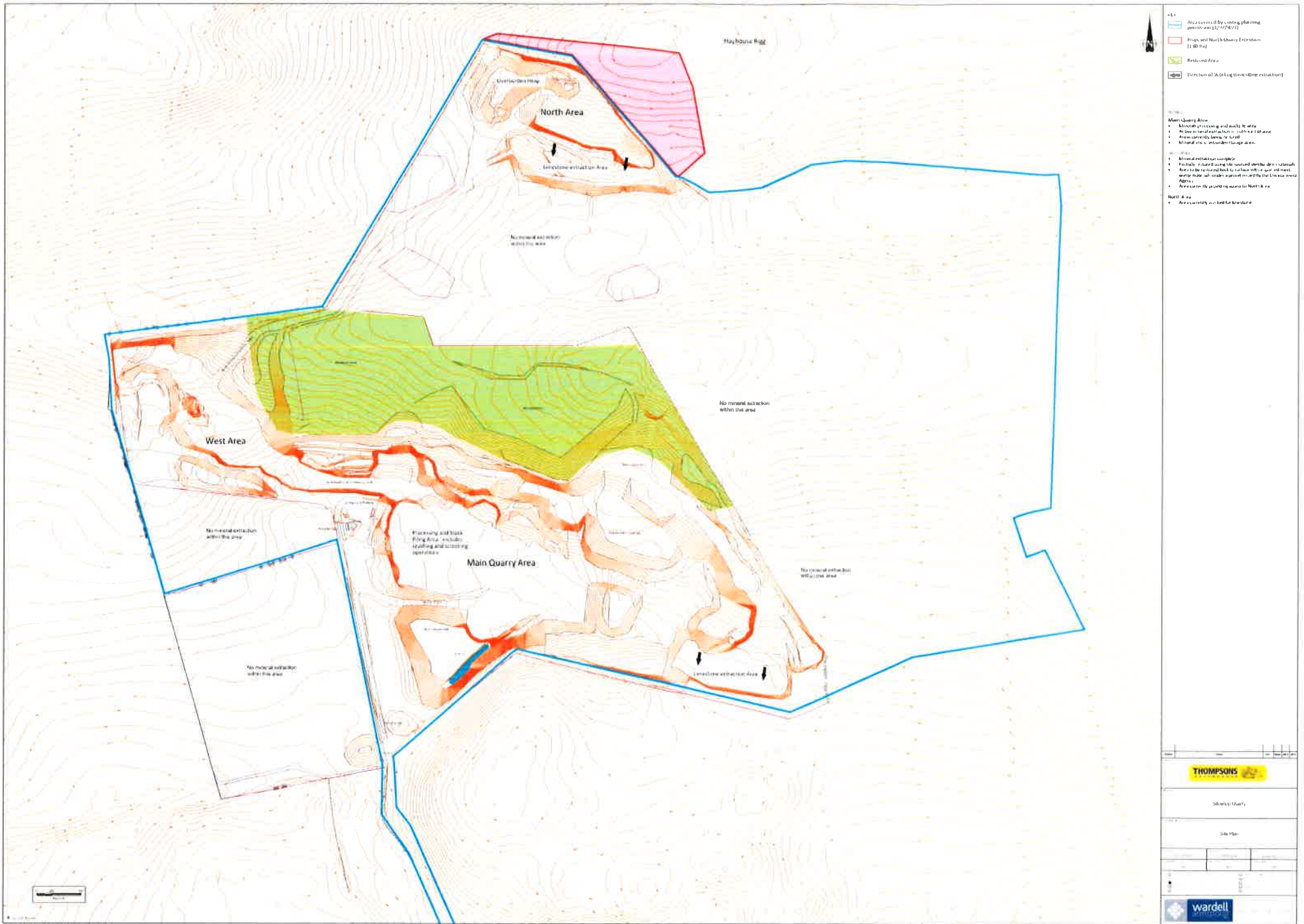
Obviously, you would be able to make your views known to the Planning Officer as I know that you will be consulted on the planning application due course.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and hope that this is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Katie Wood



THOMPSONS

Subsidiary Quarry

Site Plan

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FARLAM PARISH COUNCIL

BANK RECONCILIATION AT 14th OCTOBER 2020

HSBC ACCOUNT - 20476129

Balance b/f at 14/08/20	9,544.40		
Income	11,474.00	Expenditure	993.57
		Balance c/f	20,024.83
	<u>21,018.40</u>		<u>21,018.40</u>

**Bank Reconciliation
Balance per statement @ 14.10.2020**

20,196.63

Less o/s cheques

HMR&C	100799	171.80	
			171.80
			<u>20,024.83</u>

Income

<u>Date</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>£</u>
14.9.20	Carlisle City Council	10,000.00
21.9.20	Carlisle City Council	100.00
7.10.20	League of Friends	1,374.00
		<u>11,474.00</u>

Expenditure

<u>Date</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>£</u>
9.9.20	A Riddell	357.80
9.9.20	R Hinton (screwfix)	23.97
9.9.20	R Farrimond	440.00
9.9.20	HMR&C	171.80
		<u>993.57</u>

HSBC Account

<u>Balance B/F</u>	<u>Balance C/F</u>
9,544.40	20,024.83
<u>£ 9,544.40</u>	<u>£ 20,024.83</u>

I certify that I have checked the above figures and am satisfied, to the best of my belief and knowledge, that they accurately represent the financial position of the Parish Council at the date indicated.



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2. Deer fencing
3. Logging has destroyed path